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Renaissance Square Project Partners Announce Recommended Design Team

County Executive **Maggie Brooks** announced that the **Main & Clinton Local Development Corporation's Proposal Review Team** has offered recommendations for the five Prime Consultants who will jointly form the Renaissance Square Design Team. Main & Clinton LDC is the entity formed to manage the Renaissance Square Project.

"Choosing the Prime Consultants is an important milestone for this project," said Brooks. "This is the team that will put pen to paper and work with our community to shape the design of Renaissance Square."

Making the announcement with Brooks were her fellow Renaissance Square Project Partners: Deputy Mayor Jeff Carlson, representing Mayor **Bill Johnson** and the City of Rochester; Dick Degus, representing MCC President **Tom Flynn** and the College; RGRTA Chief Executive **Mark Aesch**, and Greater Rochester Arts and Cultural Council President & CEO **Sarah Lentini**.

The recommended Design Team is comprised of five Prime Consultants:

- Design Architect – **Moshe Safdie Associates**;
- Associate Architect – **The Associates**, a joint venture of four local firms: **LaBella Associates**, **Bergmann Associates**, **DeWolff Partnership**, and **SWBR**;
- Mechanical/Electrical Engineer – **Erdman Anthony & Associates**;
- Civil Engineer – **Passero Associates**;
- Construction Consultant – **Pike Construction** (Performing Arts Component); **DiMarco Constructors** (Community College Component); and, **LeCesse Construction** (Transit Center Component).

Additionally, **LeChase Construction** and **Bertaux & Partners** will continue on from the Central Station Project and provide Construction and Architectural Consulting, respectively.

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In November of 2004, the Main & Clinton Local Development Corporation issued an RFP/RFQ asking for proposals related to architectural and engineering services for the Renaissance Square project. Approximately 250 professional architectural and engineering firms from across the country and Canada responded.

The Proposal Review Team, which was composed of representatives from Monroe County, the City of Rochester, MCC, RGRTA and the Arts Council, followed a qualifications-based selection process in determining the best-qualified team to perform the specified work. A significant number of local firms were considered most qualified to perform the work.

Project leaders were clearly pleased with the level of involvement from local firms.

"We pledged from the beginning that Renaissance Square would create local jobs," said Brooks. "As you can see, the 'best of the best' in our community's Architectural, Engineering and Construction fields have come together, in an unprecedented way, to jointly participate in this project. Firms that have traditionally competed in the marketplace have teamed-up, in order to work on this project and create a landmark that our community will take pride in for generations."

The design team must now put together a detailed work plan to present to the LDC. The parties will then negotiate fees before final approval is granted and actual contracts are signed.

Please Note: Moshe Safdie is currently out of the country. A formal introduction is planned for mid-April, upon his return.

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